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amplification with a consensus primer  
AUTHOR(S): Moonka, Dilip K.; Loh, Elwyn Y.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department Medicine, Division Gastrointestinal  
Diseases, University Pennsylvania Medical Center  
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L4 ANSWER 2 OF 9 MEDLINE MEDLINE DUPLICATE 1

ACCESSION NUMBER: 97205328 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97205328 PubMed ID: 9052832

TITLE: alpha, beta, gamma, and delta T cell antigen receptor genes arose early in vertebrate phylogeny.

AUTHOR: Rast J P; Anderson M K; Strong S J; Luer C; Litman R T; Litman G W

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of South Florida, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg 33701, USA.

CONTRACT NUMBER: R37 AI23338 (NIAID)

SOURCE: IMMUNITY, (1997 Jan) 6 (1) 1-11. Journal code: CCF; 9432918. ISSN: 1074-7613.

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AB A series of products were amplified using a PCR strategy based on short minimally **degenerate primers** and R. eglanteria (clearnose skate) spleen cDNA as template. These products were used as probes to select corresponding cDNAs from a spleen cDNA library. The cDNA sequences exhibit significant identity with prototypic (alpha, beta, gamma, and delta T cell antigen receptor (TCR) genes. Characterization of cDNAs reveals extensive variable region diversity, putative diversity segments, and varying degrees of junctional diversification. This demonstrates expression of both alpha/beta and gamma/delta TCR genes at an early level of vertebrate phylogeny and indicates that the three major known classes of rearranging antigen receptors were present in the common ancestor of the present-day jawed vertebrates.

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L4 ANSWER 3 OF 9 MEDLINE MEDLINE DUPLICATE 2

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96068761 MEDLINE

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96068761 PubMed ID: 7579363

TITLE: Analysis of rearranged T-cell receptor beta-chain genes by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) DNA sequencing and automated high resolution PCR fragment analysis.

AUTHOR: Kneba M; Bolz I; Linke B; Hiddemann W

CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Internal Medicine, Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany.

SOURCE: BLOOD, (1995 Nov 15) 86 (10) 3930-7. Journal code: A8G; 7603509. ISSN: 0006-4971.

PUB. COUNTRY: United States

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AB Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-directed amplification and sequencing of rearranged immune genes for identification of clone-specific markers are increasingly being used in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) patients instead of the time consuming and labor intensive Southern analysis. In previous reports, no single common V beta and J beta sequence had been identified that allowed reliable amplification of the majority of rearranged T-cell antigen receptor (TCR)-beta V-D-J junctions at the DNA level because of the relatively large number of possible TCR-beta variable (V beta) and joining (J beta) gene segments involved in the rearrangement processes. In the present study we designed highly **degenerate PCR primers** directed against conserved sequences of the J beta

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95369847 PubMed ID: 7642232  
TITLE: Identification and characterization of T-cell antigen receptor-related genes in phylogenetically diverse vertebrate species.  
AUTHOR: Rast J P; Haire R N; Litman R T; Pross S; Litman G W  
CORPORATE SOURCE: University of South Florida, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg 33701, USA.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: R01AI23338 (NIAID)  
SOURCE: IMMUNOGENETICS, (1995) 42 (3) 204-12.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95023888 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95023888 PubMed ID: 7937749  
 TITLE: T-cell receptor gene homologs are present in the most primitive jawed vertebrates.  
 AUTHOR: Rast J P; Litman G W  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of South Florida, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg 33701.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-23338 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1994 Sep 27) 91 (20) 9248-52.  
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AB The phylogenetic origins of T-cell immunity and T-cell antigen receptor (TCR) genes have not been established. A PCR approach using short, minimally **degenerate** oligodeoxynucleotide primers complementing conserved variable region segments amplifies TCR-like products from the genomic DNA of *Heterodontus francisci* (horned shark), a representative phylogenetically primitive cartilaginous fish. One of these products has been used as a probe to screen a *Heterodontus* spleen cDNA library and a clone was identified that is most related at the nucleotide sequence and predicted peptide levels to higher vertebrate TCR beta-chain genes. Genomic analyses of the TCR homologs indicate that recombining variable and joining region segments as well as constant region exons are encoded by extensive gene families, organized in the multicuster form, characteristic of both the immunoglobulin heavy- and light-chain gene loci in the cartilaginous fishes. Greater numbers of homologous products were identified when a probe complementing the putative constant region of the TCR homolog was used to screen the same cDNA library. A high degree of intergenic variation is associated with the putative variable region segments of these isolates. Direct evidence is presented for TCR-like genes, which presumably are associated with T-cell function, at the earliest stages in the phylogenetic emergence of jawed vertebrates.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 94179857 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94179857 PubMed ID: 7510755  
 TITLE: A consensus primer to amplify both alpha and beta chains of the human T cell receptor.  
 AUTHOR: Moonka D; Loh E Y  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Philadelphia.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: AI33214 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGICAL METHODS, (1994 Feb 28) 169 (1) 41-51.  
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AB The use of reverse transcriptase in conjunction with the polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) has proven invaluable in the analysis of the T cell receptor (TCR) repertoire of different populations of T cells. However, the presence of a variable region in the T cell receptor has hindered the design of primers for the 5' end of the TCR cDNA. We describe the design and use of a **degenerate** consensus primer that allows amplification of both the alpha and beta chains of the human TCR. We have used this primer in the analysis of the TCR distribution of T cell clones, peripheral blood lymphocytes and lymphocytes residing in tissue.

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TITLE: Molecular cloning of major histocompatibility complex class I cDNAs from Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

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LANGUAGE: English

AB The major histocompatibility complex (Mhc) has attracted much attention because of its immense polymorphism, its importance in transplantation, and its indisputable role in disease susceptibility in humans (Chen and Parham 1989; Hill et al. 1991) and in animals (Lie 1990). Previously, typical Mhc features reflected in allograft rejection and mixed leucocyte reactivity were the only indications that an Mhc also existed in teleost fish (Stet and Egberts 1991). The use of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with degenerate oligonucleotides from conserved Mhc regions provided the first direct evidence for Mhc class I and class II genes in a fish, the teleost carp (Hashimoto et al. 1990). The primary aim of our study was to isolate and characterize expressed Mhc molecules in Atlantic salmon, and thereby provide data for further studies on evolutionary and disease aspects of the Mhc and its polymorphism. An atlantic salmon-specific Mhc probe from leucocyte RNA was generated by PCR based on primers from conserved regions of known Mhc genes. The oligonucleotides and detailed strategies are described in an accompanying paper by Hordvik and co-workers (this issue). This salmon-specific probe was employed to screen a leucocyte lambda-gt10 cDNA library based on a few individuals, from which Mhc-positive cDNAs were derived. The cDNAs analyzed in this report were established as subclones in pGEM-7z(+)-R (Promega, Madison, WI) and sequencing was performed on double-stranded DNA with SP6, T7, and internal primers, using the procedure supplied by Multi-Pol-TM DNA sequencing Kit-R (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). Sequence alignments and analyses were performed using the UWGGG software (Devereux et al. 1984). The FASTA program (Pearson and Lipman 1988) was used to search the EMBL database. In accordance with the nomenclature proposed by Klein and co-workers (1990), we adopted the designation Mhc-Sasa, as proposed by Stet and Egberts (1991), for the two partial Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) Mhc nucleotide sequences which we aligned to the EMBL database. One of these clones, p18, shared sequence similarity to Mhc class II molecules (Hordvik et al., this issue). The other clone, p23 (1.8 kilobase (kb)), showed sequence similarity to Mhc class I sequences with a non-translated tail of 1200 nucleotides (nt) and an open reading frame (orf) of 190 aminoacids (aa) starting in the middle of the alpha-2 domain (Fig. 1). The latter cDNA clone was used in a second screening of the cDNA library, which resulted in a potential full-length clone, Sasa p30 (2.8 kb), with an orf corresponding to 343 aa and a nontranslated tail of 1800 nt (Fig. 1). The domain boundaries of Sasa p30 were assigned by alignment with other Mhc class I molecule (Fig. 2). The aa sequence similarities between Sasa and *Xenopus*, and lizard, man, mouse, chicken, and carp are striking, and support the hypothesis that the isolated cDNA clones encode salmon Mhc class I molecules. Both and cysteines forming intrachain disulphide bonds within the alpha-2 and alpha-3 domains, and the potential glycosylation site at N-84 (numbering is based on the salmon sequence), are conserved. In the putative Sasa p30 transmembrane region there is a stretch of 21 hydrophobic residues flanked on both sides by hydrophilic segments, indicating a membrane anchored protein. Most of the residues assumed to be directly involved in the structure of the alpha-3 domain are conserved in the salmon sequence (C-198, F-203, Y-204, P-205, W-212, G-234, Y-254, C-256, and V-258; Williams et al. 1987). Nine residues pointing into the antigenic recognition site, and probably involved in recognizing constant features on processed antigens, are conserved in the alpha-1 and alpha-2 domains of humans and mice (Bjorkman et al. 1987). These residues are also conserved in the salmon sequence (L-5, Y-7, F-21, G-25, Y-57, T-140, K-143, Y-157, and Y-169). The signal peptide may be incomplete, as the cDNA clone started with a methionine residue. Both cDNA clones contained 17 repeated CA dinucleotides 110 nt after the first stop codon. This repeated sequence is polymorphic (data will be presented elsewhere), and can be used as an Mhc-linked marker. The two Sasa clones, p23 and p30, differed by 24 nt representing 14 aa residues (Fig. 1). Eleven of the variable aa positions resided in the alpha-2 helical domain and only three in the alpha-3 domain. Six of the aa substitutions in the Sasa alpha-2 domain corresponded to potential human T-cell receptor interacting residues (Bjorkman et al. 1987), two of which are polymorphic in humans (res. 161) and mice (res. 153). Only one substitution corresponded to a human, polymorphic, peptide-binding residue (res. 154). It is not possible to determine from our data whether the p23 and p30 cDNA clones are alleles or originate from different genes (isotypes). However, the clustering of replacement substitutions in the alpha-2 region, and the fact that the library from which the cDNA clones were selected was derived from several individuals, supports the hypothesis that the observed variation is attributable to allelism. An amino acid comparison between the salmon alpha domains and those of carp, chicken, HLA-A, H-2K, and lizard showed the significantly lowest similarity to carp (p lt 0.05). The low similarity between salmon and carp is also reflected in the phylogenetic tree (Fig. 3) based on the

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AB. . . . only indications that an Mhc also existed in teleost fish (Stet and Egberts 1991). The use of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with **degenerate** oligonucleotides from conserved Mhc regions provided the first direct evidence for Mhc class I and class II genes in a . . . and disease aspects of the Mhc and its polymorphism. An atlantic salmon-specific Mhc probe from leucocyte RNA was generated by PCR based on **primers** from conserved regions of known Mhc genes. The oligonucleotides and detailed strategies are described in an accompanying paper by Hordvik. . . . established as subclones in pGEM-7z(+)-R (Promega, Madison, WI) and sequencing was performed on double-stranded DNA with SP6, T7, and internal **primers**, using the procedure supplied by Multi-Pol-TM DNA sequencing Kit-R (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). Sequence alignments and analyses were performed using. . . . only three in the alpha-3 domain. Six of the aa substitutions in the Sasa alpha-2 domain corresponded to potential human T-cell **receptor** interacting residues (Bjorkman et al. 1987), two of which are polymorphic in humans (res. 161) and mice (res. 153). Only. . . . phylogenetic tree (Fig. 3) based on the membrane-proximal aa sequences of Mhc class I (alpha-3) and class II (alpha-2 and beta-2) molecules. Some of its nodes, however, must be viewed with caution. The tree indicates that Sasa class I alpha-3 is joined. . . . class II alpha sequence, and the trout and salmon class II peptides are very similar and branched together with carp beta-2. Hashimoto and co-workers (1990) used **degenerate primers** directly on genomic DNA from carp. It could therefore be suggested that the presented carp class I sequence, in contrast. . . . seen in other species, but the number of alleles and loci involved remains to be established. The teleost class II beta-2 peptide sequences of salmon, trout, and carp are closely related. The relationship between salmon and carp class I alpha-3 peptides. . . .

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992:606319 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 117:206319  
TITLE: Identification of cell subpopulations using modified PCR to amplify DNA encoding proteins with constant and variable regions  
INVENTOR(S): Danska, Jayne S.; Fathman, Garrison C.  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Leland Stanford Junior University, USA  
SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 22 pp.  
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L4 ANSWER 9 OF 9 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 6  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 91184261 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 91184261 PubMed ID: 2009906  
 TITLE: Conserved nucleotide sequences at the 5' end of T cell receptor variable genes facilitate polymerase chain reaction amplification.  
 AUTHOR: Broeren C P; Verjans G M; Van Eden W; Kusters J G; Lenstra J A; Logtenberg T  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Infectious Diseases and Immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.  
 SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, (1991 Mar) 21 (3) 569-75.  
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AB Alignment of all available nucleotide sequences of mouse and rat alpha/beta T cell receptor (TcR) variable (V) regions revealed the presence of relatively conserved sequences at the 5' end of the V gene segments. Based on these conserved sequences, **degenerate primers** were developed for use in the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The **degenerate primers** developed on the basis of the conserved sequences at the 5' end of rat and mouse V gene segments are expected to enable the amplification of all mouse and rat TcR alpha/beta chain V regions. To test their applicability, the **primers** were used for the amplification of the V region of the TcR alpha/beta expressed by rat T cell lines. After amplification, the TcR V regions expressed were cloned and sequenced. The Z1a T cell line was shown to use the same TcR V gene segments (V alpha 2 and V beta 8.2), as most other experimental allergic encephalomyelitis associated T cell lines, but had different D and J segments. In spite of these differences at the nucleotide level, a remarkable conservation of the amino acid sequence at the V beta D beta J beta junction was found. Alignment of a large number of human V alpha and V beta gene segments revealed the presence of similarly conserved sequences. **Degenerate primers** based on these conserved sequences enabled the amplification of TcR V regions of human T cell lines.

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L6 ANSWER 1 OF 13 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 1  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001099135 MEDLINE  
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 TITLE: T-cell antigen receptors in Atlantic cod (Gadus morhua l.): structure, organisation and expression of TCR alpha and beta genes.  
 AUTHOR: Wermestam N E; Pilstrom L  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Immunology Programme, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, BMC, Uppsala University, Box 596, S-751 24, Uppsala, Sweden.  
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L6 ANSWER 2 OF 13 MEDLINE  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000411646 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20394656 PubMed ID: 10938743  
 TITLE: Immunopurification of T-cells from sea bass Dicentrarchus labrax (L.).  
 AUTHOR: Scapigliati G; Romano N; Abelli L; Meloni S; Ficca A G; Buonocore F; Bird S; Secombes C J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Dipartimento di Scienze Ambientali, Universita della Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy.. scapigg@unitus.it  
 SOURCE: FISH & SHELLFISH IMMUNOLOGY, (2000 May) 10 (4) 329-41.  
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AB The monoclonal antibody DLT15, specific for thymocytes and peripheral T-cells of the teleost fish Dicentrarchus labrax (sea bass), was used to purify immunoreactive cells from blood and gut-associated lymphoid tissue. The purification was performed by immuno-magnetic sorting of leucocyte fractions enriched by Percoll density gradient centrifugation, and the purity of the isolated cells was estimated by cytofluorimetric analysis. Following a single step, the percentage of DLT15-purified cells was 88 +/- 10% for gut-associated lymphoid tissue and 79 +/- 18% for blood leucocytes. DLT15-purified cells from gut-associated lymphoid tissue were employed for RNA extraction and cDNA synthesis. In RT-PCR experiments using as **primers degenerate** oligonucleotides corresponding to the peptide sequence MYWY and VYFCA of the trout TcR **beta** chain, a 203 bp product was amplified. When sequenced, the cDNA was found to show 60% nucleotide identity to the trout TcRV **beta** 3. By 3'-RACE the cDNA was elongated to obtain the TcR constant region, with high similarity to other fish TcR sequences. These results strongly suggest that cells recognised by DLT15 are putative T lymphocytes.

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 TITLE: T-cell antigen receptors in Atlantic cod (Gadus morhua L.): structure, organisation and expression of TCR .alpha. and .beta. genes  
 AUTHOR(S): Wermestam, N. E.; Pilstrom, L.  
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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:149888  
 TITLE: Rearranged T lymphocyte antigen receptor genes as markers of malignant T cells  
 AUTHOR(S): Dreitz, M. J.; Ogilvie, G.; Kee Sim, G.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: HESKA Corporation, Ft. Collins, CO, USA  
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 CODEN: VIIMDS; ISSN: 0165-2427  
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 128:44336  
TITLE: Human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer  
AUTHOR(S): Moonka, Dilip K.; Loh, Elwyn Y.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department Medicine, Division Gastrointestinal Diseases, University Pennsylvania Medical Center Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA, USA  
SOURCE: Antigen T Cell Recept. (1997), 238-265. Editor(s): Oksenberg, Jorge R. Landes: Austin, Tex.  
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LANGUAGE: English

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TITLE: alpha, beta, gamma, and delta T cell antigen receptor genes arose early in vertebrate phylogeny.  
AUTHOR: Rast J P; Anderson M K; Strong S J; Luer C; Litman R T; Litman G W  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of South Florida, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg 33701, USA.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: R37 AI23338 (NIAID)  
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AB A series of products were amplified using a PCR strategy based on short minimally degenerate primers and R. eglanteria (clearnose skate) spleen cDNA as template. These products were used as probes to select corresponding cDNAs from a spleen cDNA library. The cDNA sequences exhibit significant identity with prototypic (alpha, beta, gamma, and delta T cell antigen receptor (TCR) genes. Characterization of cDNAs reveals extensive variable region diversity, putative diversity segments, and varying degrees of junctional diversification. This demonstrates expression of both alpha/beta and gamma/delta TCR genes at an early level of vertebrate phylogeny and indicates that the three major known classes of rearranging antigen receptors were present in the common ancestor of the present-day jawed vertebrates.  
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TITLE: Analysis of rearranged T-cell receptor beta-chain genes by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) DNA sequencing and automated high resolution PCR fragment analysis.

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TITLE: Identification and characterization of T-cell antigen receptor-related genes in phylogenetically diverse vertebrate species.  
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 TITLE: T-cell receptor gene homologs are present in the most primitive jawed vertebrates.  
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 SOURCE: PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1994 Sep 27) 91 (20) 9248-52. Journal code: PV3; 7505876. ISSN: 0027-8424.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 94179857 MEDLINE  
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 TITLE: A consensus primer to amplify both alpha and beta chains of the human T cell receptor.  
 AUTHOR: Moonka D; Loh E Y  
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 TITLE: Molecular cloning of major histocompatibility complex class I cDNAs from Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).  
 AUTHOR(S): Grimholt, Unni Vvar Hordvik (1); Fosse, Viggo M.; Olsaker, Ingrid; Endresen, Curt; Lie, Oystein  
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- AB The major histocompatibility complex (Mhc) has attracted much attention because of its immense polymorphism, its importance in transplantation, and its indisputable role in disease susceptibility in humans (Chen and Parham 1989; Hill et al. 1991) and in animals (Lie 1990). Previously, typical Mhc features reflected in allograft rejection and mixed leucocyte reactivity were the only indications that an Mhc also existed in teleost fish (Stet and Egberts 1991). The use of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with degenerate oligonucleotides from conserved Mhc regions provided the first direct evidence for Mhc class I and class II genes in a fish, the teleost carp (Hashimoto et al. 1990). The primary aim of our study was to isolate and characterize expressed Mhc molecules in Atlantic salmon, and thereby provide data for further studies on evolutionary and disease aspects of the Mhc and its polymorphism. An Atlantic salmon-specific Mhc probe from leucocyte RNA was generated by PCR based on primers from conserved regions of known Mhc genes. The oligonucleotides and detailed strategies are described in an accompanying paper by Hordvik and co-workers (this issue). This salmon-specific probe was employed to screen a leucocyte lambda-gt10 cDNA library based on a few individuals, from which Mhc-positive cDNAs were derived. The cDNAs analyzed in this report were established as subclones in pGEM-7z(+)R (Promega, Madison, WI) and sequencing was performed on double-stranded DNA with SP6, T7, and internal primers, using the procedure supplied by Multi-Pol-TM DNA sequencing Kit-R (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). Sequence alignments and analyses were performed using the UWGCG software (Devereux et al. 1984). The FASTA program (Pearson and Lipman 1988) was used to search the EMBL database. In accordance with the nomenclature proposed by Klein and co-workers (1990), we adopted the designation Mhc-Sasa, as proposed by Stet and Egberts (1991), for the two partial Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) Mhc nucleotide sequences which we aligned to the EMBL database. One of these clones, p18, shared sequence similarity to Mhc class II molecules (Hordvik et al., this issue). The other clone, p23 (1.8 kilobase (kb)), showed sequence similarity to Mhc class I sequences with a non-translated tail of 1200 nucleotides (nt) and an open reading frame (orf) of 190 aminoacids (aa) starting in the middle of the alpha-2 domain (Fig. 1). The latter cDNA clone was used in a second screening of the cDNA library, which resulted in a potential full-length clone, Sasa p30 (2.8 kb), with an orf corresponding to 343 aa and a nontranslated tail of 1800 nt (Fig. 1). The domain boundaries of Sasa p30 were assigned by alignment with other Mhc class I molecule (Fig. 2). The aa sequence similarities between Sasa and *Xenopus*, and lizard, man, mouse, chicken, and carp are striking, and support the hypothesis that the isolated cDNA clones encode salmon Mhc class I molecules. Both and cysteines forming intrachain disulphide bonds within the alpha-2 and alpha-3 domains, and the potential glycosylation site at N-84 (numbering is based on the salmon sequence), are conserved. In the putative Sasa p30 transmembrane region there is a stretch of 21 hydrophobic residues flanked on both sides by hydrophilic segments, indicating a membrane anchored protein. Most of the residues assumed to be directly involved in the structure of the alpha-3 domain are conserved in the salmon sequence (C-198, F-203, Y-204, P-205, W-212, G-234, Y-254, C-256, and V-258; Williams et al. 1987). Nine residues pointing into the antigenic recognition site, and probably involved in recognizing constant features on processed antigens, are conserved in the alpha-1 and alpha-2 domains of humans and mice (Bjorkman et al. 1987). These residues are also conserved in the salmon sequence (L-5, Y-7, F-21, G-25, Y-57, T-140, K-143, Y-157, and Y-169). The signal peptide may be incomplete, as the cDNA clone started with a methionine residue. Both cDNA clones contained 17 repeated CA dinucleotides 110 nt after the first stop codon. This repeated sequence is polymorphic (data will be presented elsewhere), and can be used as an Mhc-linked marker. The two Sasa clones, p23 and p30, differed by 24 nt representing 14 aa residues (Fig. 1). Eleven of the variable aa positions

resided in the alpha-2 helical domain and only three in the alpha-3 domain. Six of the aa substitutions in the Sasa alpha-2 domain corresponded to potential human T-cell receptor interacting residues (Bjorkman et al. 1987), two of which are polymorphic in humans (res. 161) and mice (res. 153). Only one substitution corresponded to a human, polymorphic, peptide-binding residue (res. 154). It is not possible to determine from our data whether the p23 and p30 cDNA clones are alleles or originate from different genes (isotypes). However, the clustering of replacement substitutions in the alpha-2 region, and the fact that the library from which the cDNA clones were selected was derived from several individuals, supports the hypothesis that the observed variation is attributable to allelism. An amino acid comparison between the salmon alpha domains and those of carp, chicken, HLA-A, H-2K, and lizard showed the significantly lowest similarity to carp (p lt 0.05). The low similarity between salmon and carp is also reflected in the phylogenetic tree (Fig. 3) based on the membrane-proximal aa sequences of Mhc class I (alpha-3) and class II (alpha-2 and beta-2) molecules. Some of its nodes, however, mustbe viewed with caution. The tree indicates that Sasa class I alpha-3 is jointed to the H-2K/HLA-A node, but this is a doubtful result. Similarly, the evolutionary relationship between carp, Xenopus, and shark class I sequences are uncertain, and more Mhc class I sequences from lower vertebrates are needed to clarify the picture. All the class II sequences reside on the same branch. Shark class II is joined to a human class II alpha sequence, and the trout and salmon class II peptides are very similar and branched together with carp beta-2. Hashimoto and co-workers (1990) used degenerate primers directly on genomic DNA from carp. It could therefore be suggested that the presented carp class I sequence, in contrast to the carp class II sequence, originates from a pseudogene and has thus acquired a considerable number of mutations. The carp class I sequence could also represent a nonclassical carp Mhc molecule. Both suggestions would explain why the carp class I sequence has the lowest overall alpha domain aa similarity (20%) to salmon. Further speculation on teleostean evolution must be deferred until further information is available on expressed carp Mhc class I sequences. A FASTA search with the p30 cDNA sequence identified 40 Mhc class I sequences as being most similar to the salmon sequence. These sequences included both nonclassical (mouse Q7(b), mouse Tla(c), and human HLA-G (HLA 6.0)) and classical Mhc class I genes. The question as to whether Atlantic salmon has both classical and nonclassical homologues, as seen in human and mouse, will be possible to answer when more Sasa loci have been identified. In conclusion, this study, together with the work done by Hordvik and co-workers (this issue), demonstrates the existence of expressed Mhc class I and class II molecules in Atlantic salmon. The clonal variation seen in these reports indicates allelic polymorphism as seen in other species, but the number of alleles and loci involved remains to be established. The teleost class II beta-2 peptide sequences of salmon, trout, and carp are closely related. The relationship between salmon and carp class I alpha-3 peptides is unclear. Further information on expressed carp class I sequences is needed to resolve this.

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TITLE: Identification of cell subpopulations using modified PCR to amplify DNA encoding proteins with constant and variable regions  
INVENTOR(S): Danska, Jayne S.; Fathman, Garrison C.  
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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 91184261 PubMed ID: 2009906  
 TITLE: Conserved nucleotide sequences at the 5' end of T cell receptor variable genes facilitate polymerase chain reaction amplification.  
 AUTHOR: Broeren C P; Verjans G M; Van Eden W; Kusters J G; Lenstra J A; Logtenberg T  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Infectious Diseases and Immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.  
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AB Alignment of all available nucleotide sequences of mouse and rat alpha/beta T cell receptor (TCR) variable (V) regions revealed the presence of relatively conserved sequences at the 5' end of the V gene segments. Based on these conserved sequences, **degenerate primers** were developed for use in the polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The **degenerate primers** developed on the basis of the conserved sequences at the 5' end of rat and mouse V gene segments are expected to enable the amplification of all mouse and rat TCR alpha/beta chain V regions. To test their applicability, the **primers** were used for the amplification of the V region of the TCR alpha/beta expressed by rat T cell lines. After amplification, the TCR V regions expressed were cloned and sequenced. The Z1a T cell line was shown to use the same TCR V gene segments (V alpha 2 and V beta 8.2), as most other experimental allergic encephalomyelitis associated T cell lines, but had different D and J segments. In spite of these differences at the nucleotide level, a remarkable conservation of the amino acid sequence at the V beta D beta J beta junction was found. Alignment of a large number of human V alpha and V beta gene segments revealed the presence of similarly conserved sequences. **Degenerate primers** based on these conserved sequences enabled the amplification of TCR V regions of human T cell lines.

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HLA-A*0201 individuals for immunotherapeutic studies.
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amplifies the subtype or group of subtypes differing from HLA-A*0201 at
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beta genes.
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TITLE: Rapid cloning of complete T cell receptor variable regions for immunotherapy.

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AB Several strategies exist to clone T cell receptor (TCR) genes. Many methodologies involve the use of TCR gene family specific **primers** but do not necessarily provide an easy way to obtain complete variable region sequences. Complete variable region genes are important for applications such as TCR idotype(TCR-Id) vaccine therapy, study of TCR polymorphisms and the study of TCR repertoire in health and disease at the sequence level. One strategy that avoids using multiple family specific **primers** (>20 families of alpha and **beta** chains) is RACE (Rapid amplification of cDNA ends). This strategy works well but is marred by frequent truncated clones and long PCR procedure involving two rounds of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and multiple gel extractions. The lengthy procedure opens one up to contamination making analysis of clonality very difficult. We have used a modification of RACE, developed by Chenchik and colleagues (CLONOTECHNIQUES X(1):5-8), known as Smart PCR (Switching Mechanism At 5' end of RNA Transcript). Like traditional RACE, this process enables formation of a **consensus primer** at the 5' end of mRNA avoiding the need for 5' TCR family specific **primers**. This process also enriches for complete transcripts by taking advantage of physiologic addition of C's by Reverse Transcriptase to completed cDNA. Specificity is then obtained by using TCR constant region **primers** at the 3' end for PCR. In addition, the use of touchdown PCR (NAR. 19:4008) enables linear amplification of the cDNA of interest prior to exponential PCR. We have investigated this on a series of benign and malignant T cell cases. Control samples include spongiotic dermatitis, drug hypersensitivity, peripheral blood lymphocytes, and reactive tonsils. Tumor samples include Mycosis Fungoides(MF) lymph nodes, skin plaque and skin tumor samples. MF is known to contain as few as 10% malignant cells in tumor lesions. Monoclonal bands can be obtained from tumor samples with as few as 15 cycles of PCR. We are even able to obtain bands on small MF skin samples that were refractory to traditional RACE amplification. After cloning of the PCR product, sequencing shows that almost all clones (>95%) contain complete alpha and **beta** TCR sequences. This is in comparison to a 50% complete transcript rate with traditional RACE. We are also able to identify the malignant clone using this methodology. In our hands, this method is now validated for use in the detailed analysis of clonal populations in reactive skin diseases and malignant lesions. Finally, we would like to apply this cloning strategy for use in TCR-Id vaccines for treatment of T cell lymphomas.

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 TITLE: Immunopurification of T-cells from sea bass *Dicentrarchus labrax* (L.).  
 AUTHOR: Scapigliati G; Romano N; Abelli L; Meloni S; Ficca A G; Buonocore F; Bird S; Secombes C J  
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AB The monoclonal antibody DLT15, specific for thymocytes and peripheral T-cells of the teleost fish *Dicentrarchus labrax* (sea bass), was used to purify immunoreactive cells from blood and gut-associated lymphoid tissue. The purification was performed by immuno-magnetic sorting of leucocyte fractions enriched by Percoll density gradient centrifugation, and the purity of the isolated cells was estimated by cytofluorimetric analysis. Following a single step, the percentage of DLT15-purified cells was 88 +/- 10% for gut-associated lymphoid tissue and 79 +/- 18% for blood leucocytes. DLT15-purified cells from gut-associated lymphoid tissue were employed for RNA extraction and cDNA synthesis. In RT-PCR experiments using as primers degenerate oligonucleotides corresponding to the peptide sequence MYWY and VYFCA of the trout TcR beta chain, a 203 bp product was amplified. When sequenced, the cDNA was found to show 60% nucleotide identity to the trout TcRV beta 3. By 3'-RACE the cDNA was elongated to obtain the TcR constant region, with high similarity to other fish TcR sequences. These results strongly suggest that cells recognised by DLT15 are putative T lymphocytes.

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 AUTHOR(S): Wermestam, N. E.; Pilstrom, L.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: BMC, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, Immunology Programme, Uppsala University, Uppsala, S-751 24, Swed.  
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 TITLE: Ig heavy chain gene rearrangements in T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia exhibit predominant DH6-19 and DH7-27 gene usage, can result in complete V-D-J rearrangements, and are rare in T-cell receptor alpha beta lineage.  
 AUTHOR: Szczepanski T; Pongers-Willems M J; Langerak A W; Harts W A; Wijkhuijs A J; van Wering E R; van Dongen J J  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Immunology, University Hospital Rotterdam/Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.  
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AB Rearranged IGH genes were detected by Southern blotting in 22% of 118 cases of T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and involved monoallelic and biallelic rearrangements in 69% (18/26) and 31% (8/26) of these cases, respectively. IGH gene rearrangements were found in 19% (13/69) of CD3(-) T-ALL and in 50% of TCRgammadelta+ T-ALL (12/24), whereas only a single TCRalpha beta+ T-ALL (1/25) displayed a monoallelic IGH gene rearrangement. The association with the T-cell receptor (TCR) phenotype was further supported by the striking relationship between IGH and TCR delta (TCRD) gene rearrangements, ie, 32% of T-ALL (23/72) with monoallelic or biallelic TCRD gene rearrangements had IGH gene rearrangements, whereas only 1 of 26 T-ALL with biallelic TCRD gene deletions contained a monoallelic IGH gene rearrangement. Heteroduplex polymerase chain reaction (PCR) analysis with VH and DH family-specific primers in combination with a JH consensus primer showed a total of 39 clonal products, representing 7 (18%) VH-(DH-)JH joinings and 32 (82%) DH-JH rearrangements. Whereas the usage of VH gene segments was seemingly random, preferential usage of DH6-19 (45%) and DH7-27 (21%) gene segments was observed. Although the JH4 and JH6 gene segments were used most frequently (33% and 21%, respectively), a significant proportion of joinings (28%) used the most upstream JH1 and JH2 gene segments, which are rarely used in precursor-B-ALL and normal B cells (1% to 4%). In conclusion, the high frequency of incomplete DH-JH rearrangements, the frequent usage of the more downstream DH6-19 and DH7-27 gene segments, and the most upstream JH1 and JH2 gene segments suggests a predominance of immature IGH rearrangements in immature (non-TCRalpha beta+) T-ALL as a result of continuing V(D)J recombinase activity. More mature alpha beta-lineage T-ALL with biallelic TCRD gene deletions apparently have switched off their recombination machinery and are less prone to cross-lineage IGH gene rearrangements. The combined results indicate that IGH gene rearrangements in T-ALL are postoncogenic processes, which are absent in T-ALL with deleted TCRD genes and completed TCR alpha (TCRA) gene rearrangements.

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 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 132:149888  
 TITLE: Rearranged T lymphocyte antigen receptor genes as markers of malignant T cells  
 AUTHOR(S): Dreitz, M. J.; Ogilvie, G.; Kee Sim, G.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: HESKA Corporation, Ft. Collins, CO, USA  
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 TITLE: Improved polymerase chain reaction detection of clonally rearranged T-cell receptor beta chain genes.  
 AUTHOR: Zemlin M; Hummel M; Anagnostopoulos I; Stein H  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Konsultations- und Referenzzentrum fur Lymphknoten- und Hamatopathologie, Klinikum Benjamin Franklin, Free University Berlin, Germany.  
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AB A new method for the detection of all known possible rearrangements at the variable (V), diversity (D), and joining (J) segments of the T-cell receptor beta chain (TcR beta) gene in tissue DNA extracts is described that involves two polymerase chain reactions (PCRs). The first PCR round (screening PCR) allowed the identification of the J beta segment involved in a clonal rearrangement. A J beta-primer was used for the second PCR (J beta-specific PCR), recognizing the J beta segment identified in the screening PCR in combination with a consensus V beta primer. This PCR generated prominent and short amplicates suitable for direct sequence analysis because of their low background. Using this approach, clonal TcR beta gene rearrangements were able to be demonstrated in all T-cell lines (n = 7) and in all peripheral T-cell lymphomas (n = 33) analyzed. No clonal TcR beta gene rearrangements were found in any of the normal tissues studied nor in any B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas. This method is applicable to DNA from fresh frozen tissues, and, after the TcR beta rearrangement of a patient's malignant T-cell clone has been identified by the screening PCR, DNA can also be detected in follow-up formalin-fixed

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TITLE: Human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer

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AB The detn. of the variable and joining sequences of T cell receptors in different human T cell populations is of interest in many biol. contexts. The use of reverse transcriptase to synthesize cDNA from mRNA followed by PCR has greatly facilitated this effort. However, the presence of variable regions presents and obvious obstacle to making specific primers for the 5' end. This work describes a degenerate, consensus primer that binds to a relatively conserved area of the human .alpha. and .beta. TCR variable region.

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IT Genes (animal)  
RL: ANT (Analyte); BSU (Biological study, unclassified); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study)  
(Tcr; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

IT RT-PCR (reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction)  
(human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

IT Primers (nucleic acid)  
RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

IT cDNA  
RL: BPN (Biosynthetic preparation); BIOL (Biological study); PREP (Preparation)  
(human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

IT TCR (T cell receptors)  
RL: BSU (Biological study, unclassified); BIOL (Biological study)  
(.alpha. and .beta. chains; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

IT 138262-64-3  
RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(primer ANB; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

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RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(primer ANB.alpha.3; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

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RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(primer CA1; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

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RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(primer CA2; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a consensus primer)

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RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)

(primer CA3; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a **consensus** primer)

IT 199878-49-4  
 RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
 (primer CB1; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a **consensus** primer)

IT 199878-50-7  
 RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
 (primer CB2; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a **consensus** primer)

IT 199878-51-8  
 RL: ARG (Analytical reagent use); BUU (Biological use, unclassified); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
 (primer CB3; human T cell receptor alpha and beta chain cDNA amplification with a **consensus** primer)

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1997:252051 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 126:259755  
 TITLE: Additional TCRV.beta. primers and minor method modifications improve detection of clonal T-cell populations by RT-PCR  
 AUTHOR(S): Lynas, C.; Howe, D.  
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 SOURCE: Mol. Pathol. (1997), 50(1), 53-55  
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AB The TCRV.beta. RT-PCR method for detection of clonal populations of T cells which we described previously could not detect clones that used certain variable (V) .beta. region families. V.beta. 2, 4, 8.3, and 18 had insufficient homol. with the original **consensus** V region primer. Two new primers have been designed which work well and are able to amplify from V.beta. families previously undetectable by this RT-PCR. In addn., minor alterations to the cDNA synthesis and gel anal. of the PCR products make the results even easier to interpret. All the Diversity/Joining (D/J) region primer combinations except for D2/J2 have been omitted, and terminating the reverse transcription by heating prior to PCR greatly improves amplification with these primers. Use of 8% and/or 10% polyacrylamide gels increases clarity. Inclusion of the modifications described will reduce false reporting of patients as having a polyclonal T-cell population.

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IT **TCR (T-cell receptors)**  
 RL: ARU (Analytical role, unclassified); BOC (Biological occurrence); PRP (Properties); ANST (Analytical study); BIOL (Biological study); OCCU (Occurrence)  
 (.beta.-chain, V region; addnl. TCRV.beta. primers and minor method modifications improve detection of clonal T-cell populations by RT-PCR)

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 97205328 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97205328 PubMed ID: 9052832  
 TITLE: alpha, beta, gamma, and delta T cell antigen receptor genes arose early in vertebrate phylogeny.  
 AUTHOR: Rast J P; Anderson M K; Strong S J; Luer C; Litman R T; Litman G W  
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 CONTRACT NUMBER: R37 AI23338 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: IMMUNITY, (1997 Jan) 6 (1) 1-11.  
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TITLE: Detection of clonal rearrangement of the T-cell receptor gamma gene by polymerase chain reaction and single-strand conformation polymorphism (PCR-SSCP)

AUTHOR(S): Kaul, Karen; Petrick, Marcia; Herz, Barbara; Cheng, Ta-Chih Philip

CORPORATE SOURCE: Medical School, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 60201, USA

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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96194879 PubMed ID: 8625946

TITLE: TCR beta PCR from crude preparations for restriction digest or sequencing.

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CORPORATE SOURCE: Vermont Cancer Center Genetics Laboratory, University of Vermont, Burlington, 05401, USA.

CONTRACT NUMBER: CA30688 (NCI)

SOURCE: ENVIRONMENTAL AND MOLECULAR MUTAGENESIS, (1996) 27 (1) 34-8.

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AB T cell specificity is determined by the combinatorial association of specific variable (V), diversity (D), and junctional (J) regions. Clones of T cells (clonality) can occur, in the blood or in tissue, after proliferation of activated T cells. Determining clonality in mutation assays is necessary to distinguish between mutants and mutational events. We have developed a novel approach to determine clonality among T cell isolates, using restriction digests of PCR-amplified cDNA of the **T cell receptor beta** gene. The **T cell receptor beta** gene was PCR-amplified by use of a **consensus primer**, beginning from a cell pellet of 2,000-5,000 cells or from extracted RNA. This TCR (**T cell receptor**) **beta** chain PCR product can also be directly sequenced, allowing simple and easy identification of Vbeta and CDR3 sequence from a small number of cells. The utility of this method is demonstrated by PCR, restriction digest, and sequencing of the TCR **beta** cDNA from eight T cell clones isolated from 2 individuals. A

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 96068761 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96068761 PubMed ID: 7579363  
 TITLE: Analysis of rearranged T-cell receptor beta-chain genes by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) DNA sequencing and automated high resolution PCR fragment analysis.  
 AUTHOR: Kneba M; Bolz I; Linke B; Hiddemann W  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Internal Medicine, Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany.  
 SOURCE: BLOOD, (1995 Nov 15) 86 (10) 3930-7.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: Journal code: A8G; 7603509. ISSN: 0006-4971.  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 FILE SEGMENT: Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
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AB Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)-directed amplification and sequencing of rearranged immune genes for identification of clone-specific markers are increasingly being used in acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) patients instead of the time consuming and labor intensive Southern analysis. In previous reports, no single common V **beta** and J **beta** sequence had been identified that allowed reliable amplification of the majority of rearranged T-cell antigen receptor (TCR)-**beta** V-D-J junctions at the DNA level because of the relatively large number of possible TCR-**beta** variable (V **beta**) and joining (J **beta**) gene segments involved in the rearrangement processes. In the present study we designed highly **degenerate PCR primers** directed against conserved sequences of the J **beta** genes. IN combination with a previously published **consensus V beta primer**, these J **beta primers** specifically amplify TCR- **beta** V-N(D)N-J junctions from genomic DNA. Using this approach we studied DNA extracted from biopsy material of nine patients with T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders, one c-ALL patient, and five patients with nonmalignant diseases. T-cell lines Molt 3, Jurkat, and HM 2 served as monoclonal controls. Individual PCR products were sequenced after cloning. The nucleotide sequences of 96 randomly chosen recombinant vectors were determined. In the polyclonal controls all analyzed clones differed in their TCR -**beta** V-N(D)N-J junctions. In the T-cell lines, in all of the T-cell malignancies, and in the c-ALL, monoclonal PCR products could be identified by demonstration of clonally restricted V-N(D)N-J junctions. The PCR results were confirmed by automated fluorescence quantification and size determination of PCR products after separation in a high-resolution polyacrylamide gel. The procedure allows rapid and specific characterization of clonal TCR -**beta** rearrangements from genomic DNA and will significantly simplify current experimental approaches to identify and to quantitate malignant T cells during initial staging and follow-up of T-lineage NHL and ALL patients.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 96153658 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96153658 PubMed ID: 8575839  
 TITLE: V gamma (I) expression in human intestinal lymphocytes is restricted.  
 AUTHOR: Landau S B; Aziz W I; Woodcock-Mitchell J; Melamed R  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, University of Vermont, Burlington,

SOURCE: USA.  
 IMMUNOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS, (1995 Nov) 24 (6) 947-55.  
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AB The majority of human intestinal intraepithelial lymphocytes (HIELS) express CD8+, and the T cell Receptor (TCR) alpha beta. A minority of HIELS utilize TCR gamma delta chains. V delta 1 is established as the TCR-delta expressed by most TCR gamma delta HIELS. Since V delta 1 is the dominant intestinal TCR and V gamma (I) family is preferentially used in forming a heterodimer, this study was conducted to characterize individual V gamma (I) utilization in HIELS. Intestinal lymphocytes were isolated from four samples of colonic epithelium obtained from patients undergoing colon resection or endoscopy. RNA was isolated and cDNA synthesized. PCR amplification was performed with consensus J gamma and V gamma primers in these regions. PCR products were cloned and sequenced. All samples had V gamma 4 transcripts, a majority V gamma 3 whereas V gamma 2 and V gamma 8 were less frequent. No V gamma 2 transcripts had any predicted TCR protein products. Similarly, very few potentially productive V gamma 3 transcripts were found. In contrast, almost all V gamma 4 transcripts were found to be in-frame and the only V gamma 8 transcript was in-frame. The CDR3 region of the gamma transcripts were small compared to published intestinal TCR delta recombinations. All CDR3 regions contained at least one charged amino acid. The limited number of functional transcripts adds evidence to the oligoclonality of intestinal TCRs expressing the TCR V gamma (I) family. The short CDR3 regions support the concept of limited antigen recognition by this lymphocyte population.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 96026058 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96026058 PubMed ID: 7572791  
 TITLE: Correlation between presence of clonal rearrangements of immunoglobulin heavy chain genes and B-cell antigen expression in Hodgkin's disease.  
 AUTHOR: Orazi A; Jiang B; Lee C H; English G W; Cattoretti G; John K; Neiman R S  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Division of Hematopathology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, USA.  
 SOURCE: AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGY, (1995 Oct) 104 (4) 413-8.  
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AB Southern blot analysis of Hodgkin's disease (HD), although often compromised by the small number of abnormal cells present in the tissue, have tended to favor a B-cell derivation of the Hodgkin's and Reed-Sternberg (HRS) cells in cases of nodular sclerosis (NS) and mixed cellularity (MC) Hodgkin's disease. Eighteen frozen and 29 paraffin-embedded sections of lymph node specimens from 29 patients with pretreatment HD (22 NSHD and 7 MCHD) were studied by molecular analysis and immunohistochemistry to determine the phenotype of HRS cells. All cases were reviewed and showed typical morphology and CD45-, CD30+, CD15+, BLA.36+ HRS cells. In 11 of 29 (38%) cases, HRS cells were reactive with at least one B-cell marker (CD20, CD79a, MB2), 7 of 29 (24%) cases showed reactivity with the T-cell marker CD3, and 11 of 29 (38%) cases displayed a "null" phenotype. By using a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and consensus primers for the V and J regions of the immunoglobulin heavy chain (IgH) gene, the authors were able to detect B-cell clonality in 9 of 18 (50%) frozen samples of HD analyzed. IgH gene rearrangement was present in 8 of 15 (53%) NSHD and in 1 of 3 (33%) MCHD. In five of nine (56%) of these cases, HRS cells were reactive with at least one B-cell marker, whereas one case expressed the T-cell marker CD3. The other three cases with IgH gene rearrangement showed a "null" immunophenotype. IgH gene analysis was negative in all remaining CD3+ cases and in two other cases that expressed B-cell markers by immunohistology. Southern blotting failed to detect rearrangement of the T-cell receptor beta-chain gene and immunoglobulin heavy and light genes in any of these cases. The results show that PCR represents a specific and sensitive technique for the detection of IgH gene rearrangements in cases of Hodgkin's disease. The results also suggest a lymphoid B-cell derivation of HRS cells in a high proportion of the cases.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 95369847 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95369847 PubMed ID: 7642232  
 TITLE: Identification and characterization of T-cell antigen receptor-related genes in phylogenetically diverse vertebrate species.  
 AUTHOR: Rast J P; Haire R N; Litman R T; Pross S; Litman G W  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: University of South Florida, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg 33701, USA.  
 CONTRACT NUMBER: R01AI23338 (NIAID)  
 SOURCE: IMMUNOGENETICS, (1995) 42 (3) 204-12.  
 PUB. COUNTRY: Journal code: G14; 0420404. ISSN: 0093-7711.  
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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:971124 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 124:46784  
 TITLE: A rapid and reliable PCR method for detecting clonal T cell populations  
 AUTHOR(S): Lynas, C; Howe, D; Copplestone, JA; Johnson, SAN; Phillips, MJ  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department Haematology, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, PL6 8DH, UK  
 SOURCE: Clin. Mol. Pathol. (1995), 48(2), M101-M104  
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ACCESSION NUMBER: 95023888 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95023888 PubMed ID: 7937749  
TITLE: T-cell receptor gene homologs are present in the most primitive jawed vertebrates.  
AUTHOR: Rast J P; Litman G W  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pediatrics, University of South Florida, All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg 33701.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: AI-23338 (NIAID)  
SOURCE: PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, (1994 Sep 27) 91 (20) 9248-52. Journal code: PV3; 7505876. ISSN: 0027-8424.  
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L14 ANSWER 19 OF 23 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 14  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 94179857 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 94179857 PubMed ID: 7510755  
TITLE: A **consensus** primer to amplify both alpha and beta chains of the human T cell receptor.  
AUTHOR: Moonka D; Loh E Y  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Philadelphia.  
CONTRACT NUMBER: AI33214 (NIAID)  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGICAL METHODS, (1994 Feb 28) 169 (1) 41-51. Journal code: IFE; 1305440. ISSN: 0022-1759.  
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 \*Consensus Sequence  
 \*DNA Primers  
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 Electrophoresis, Agar Gel  
 \*Gene Amplification  
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 \*Polymerase Chain Reaction: MT, . . .

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1993:270260 BIOSIS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199396000485  
 TITLE: Molecular cloning of major histocompatibility complex class I cDNAs from Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).  
 AUTHOR(S): Grimholt, Unni Vvar Hordvik (1); Fosse, Viggo M.; Olsaker, Ingrid; Endresen, Curt; Lie, Oystein  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dep. Animal Genetics, Norwegian College of Vet. Med., P.O. Box 8146 Dep., N-0033 Oslo 1 Norway  
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AB The major histocompatibility complex (Mhc) has attracted much attention because of its immense polymorphism, its importance in transplantation, and its indisputable role in disease susceptibility in humans (Chen and Parham 1989; Hill et al. 1991) and in animals (Lie 1990). Previously, typical Mhc features reflected in allograft rejection and mixed leucocyte reactivity were the only indications that an Mhc also existed in teleost fish (Stet and Egberts 1991). The use of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) with **degenerate** oligonucleotides from conserved Mhc regions provided the first direct evidence for Mhc class I and class II genes in a fish, the teleost carp (Hashimoto et al. 1990). The primary aim of our study was to isolate and characterize expressed Mhc molecules in Atlantic salmon, and thereby provide data for further studies on evolutionary and disease aspects of the Mhc and its polymorphism. An Atlantic salmon-specific Mhc probe from leucocyte RNA was generated by PCR based on primers from conserved regions of known Mhc genes. The oligonucleotides and detailed strategies are described in an accompanying paper by Hordvik and co-workers (this issue). This salmon-specific probe was employed to screen a leucocyte lambda-gt10 cDNA library based on a few individuals, from which Mhc-positive cDNAs were derived. The cDNAs analyzed in this report were established as subclones in pGEM-7z(+)R (Promega, Madison, WI) and sequencing was performed on double-stranded DNA with SP6, T7, and internal primers, using the procedure supplied by Multi-Pol-TM DNA sequencing Kit-R (Clontech, Palo Alto, CA). Sequence alignments and analyses were performed using the UWGGC software (Devereux et al. 1984). The FASTA program (Pearson and Lipman 1988) was used to search the EMBL database. In accordance with the nomenclature proposed by Klein and co-workers (1990), we adopted the designation Mhc-Sasa, as proposed by Stet and Egberts (1991), for the two partial Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) Mhc nucleotide sequences which we aligned to the EMBL database. One of these clones, p18, shared sequence similarity to Mhc class II molecules (Hordvik et al., this issue). The other clone, p23 (1.8 kilobase (kb)), showed sequence similarity to Mhc class I sequences with a non-translated tail of 1200 nucleotides (nt) and an open reading frame (orf) of 190 aminoacids (aa) starting in the middle of the alpha-2 domain (Fig. 1). The latter cDNA clone was used in a second screening of the cDNA library, which resulted in a potential full-length clone, Sasa p30 (2.8 kb), with an orf corresponding to 343 aa and a nontranslated tail of 1800 nt (Fig. 1). The domain boundaries of Sasa p30 were assigned by alignment with other Mhc class I molecule (Fig. 2). The aa sequence similarities between Sasa and Xenopua, and lizard, man, mouse, chicken, and carp are striking, and support the hypothesis that the isolated cDNA clones encode salmon Mhc class I molecules. Both and cysteines forming intrachain disulphide bonds within the alpha-2 and alpha-3 domains, and the potential glycosylation site at N-84 (numbering is based on the salmon sequence), are conserved. In the putative Sasa p30 transmembrane region there is a stretch of 21 hydrophobic residues flanked on both sides by hydrophilic segments, indicating a membrane anchored protein. Most of the residues assumed to be directly involved in the structure of the alpha-3 domain are conserved in the salmon sequence (C-198, F-203, Y-204, P-205, W-212, G-234, Y-254, C-256, and V-258; Williams et al. 1987). Nine residues pointing into the antigenic recognition site, and probably involved in recognizing constant features

on processed antigens, are conserved in the alpha-1 and alpha-2 domains of humans and mice (Bjorkman et al. 1987). These residues are also conserved in the salmon sequence (L-5, Y-7, F-21, G-25, Y-57, T-140, K-143, Y-157, and Y-169). The signal peptide may be incomplete, as the cDNA clone started with a methionine residue. Both cDNA clones contained 17 repeated CA dinucleotides 110 nt after the first stop codon. This repeated sequence is polymorphic (data will be presented elsewhere), and can be used as an Mhc-linked marker. The two Sasa clones, p23 and p30, differed by 24 nt representing 14 aa residues (Fig. 1). Eleven of the variable aa positions resided in the alpha-2 helical domain and only three in the alpha-3 domain. Six of the aa substitutions in the Sasa alpha-2 domain corresponded to potential human T-cell receptor interacting residues (Bjorkman et al. 1987), two of which are polymorphic in humans (res. 161) and mice (res. 153). Only one substitution corresponded to a human, polymorphic, peptide-binding residue (res. 154). It is not possible to determine from our data whether the p23 and p30 cDNA clones are alleles or originate from different genes (isotypes). However, the clustering of replacement substitutions in the alpha-2 region, and the fact that the library from which the cDNA clones were selected was derived from several individuals, supports the hypothesis that the observed variation is attributable to allelism. An amino acid comparison between the salmon alpha domains and those of carp, chicken, HLA-A, H-2K, and lizard showed the significantly lowest similarity to carp (p lt 0.05). The low similarity between salmon and carp is also reflected in the phylogenetic tree (Fig. 3) based on the membrane-proximal aa sequences of Mhc class I (alpha-3) and class II (alpha-2 and beta-2) molecules. Some of its nodes, however, must be viewed with caution. The tree indicates that Sasa class I alpha-3 is joined to the H-2K/HLA-A node, but this is a doubtful result. Similarly, the evolutionary relationship between carp, Xenopus, and shark class I sequences are uncertain, and more Mhc class I sequences from lower vertebrates are needed to clarify the picture. All the class II sequences reside on the same branch. Shark class II is joined to a human class II alpha sequence, and the trout and salmon class II peptides are very similar and branched together with carp beta-2. Hashimoto and co-workers (1990) used degenerate primers directly on genomic DNA from carp. It could therefore be suggested that the presented carp class I sequence, in contrast to the carp class II sequence, originates from a pseudogene and has thus acquired a considerable number of mutations. The carp class I sequence could also represent a nonclassical carp Mhc molecule. Both suggestions would explain why the carp class I sequence has the lowest overall alpha domain aa similarity (20%) to salmon. Further speculation on teleostean evolution must be deferred until further information is available on expressed carp Mhc class I sequences. A FASTA search with the p30 cDNA sequence identified 40 Mhc class I sequences as being most similar to the salmon sequence. These sequences included both nonclassical (mouse Q7(b), mouse T1a(c), and human HLA-G (HLA 6.0)) and classical Mhc class I genes. The question as to whether Atlantic salmon has both classical and nonclassical homologues, as seen in human and mouse, will be possible to answer when more Sasa loci have been identified. In conclusion, this study, together with the work done by Hordvik and co-workers (this issue), demonstrates the existence of expressed Mhc class I and class II molecules in Atlantic salmon. The clonal variation seen in these reports indicates allelic polymorphism as seen in other species, but the number of alleles and loci involved remains to be established. The teleost class II beta-2 peptide sequences of salmon, trout, and carp are closely related. The relationship between salmon and carp class I alpha-3 peptides is unclear. Further information on expressed carp class I sequences is needed to resolve this.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 93381275 MEDLINE  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 93381275 PubMed ID: 8396607  
 TITLE: Transformation of mycosis fungoides: T-cell receptor beta gene analysis demonstrates a common clonal origin for plaque-type mycosis fungoides and CD30+ large-cell lymphoma.  
 AUTHOR: Wood G S; Bahler D W; Hoppe R T; Warnke R A; Sklar J L; Levy R  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Dermatology, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.  
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AB It is well recognized that patients with classical mycosis fungoides (MF) may develop a large-cell lymphoma (LCL), a phenomenon known as "transformation." An unresolved issue regarding the transformation of MF is whether MF and LCL represent two separate lymphomas or whether they are derived from the same T-cell clone. We report the clinicopathologic, immunophenotypic, and immunogenotypic analysis of MF and LCL in a white male. He developed a rash at age 51 that was diagnosed at age 56 as clinical stage IA patch/plaque MF. After topical nitrogen mustard and total skin electron beam therapy for progressive generalized CD3+CD4+ patch/plaque lesions, he developed nodules of Ki-1+ (CD30+) T-LCL at age 72. Southern blot analysis of DNA digested with Bg/II or BamHI and probed with a T-cell receptor (TCR)-beta gene J beta 1/J beta 2 probe showed a single, identical rearranged band in both the MF and LCL skin lesions that had been obtained 4 years apart. V beta gene family--specific gene amplification assays demonstrated dominant V beta 6 PCR products in both types of lesions. These PCR products and lesional cDNA exhibited a monoclonal pattern when amplified with consensus TCR-beta gene VDJ joint primers and electrophoresed under conditions that allowed the resolution of small differences in size. Furthermore, sequence analysis of the V beta 6 PCR products amplified from both the MF and LCL lesions showed an identical nucleotide sequence involving V beta 6.4, D beta 1.1, J beta 1.2, and C beta 1. These findings indicate that both the MF and the LCL in this patient arose from the same T-cell clone and that these diseases developed at a stage in the clone's differentiation subsequent to rearrangement of the TCR-beta gene.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1992:606319 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 117:206319  
TITLE: Identification of cell subpopulations using modified PCR to amplify DNA encoding proteins with constant and variable regions  
INVENTOR(S): Danska, Jayne S.; Fathman, Garrison C.  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Leland Stanford Junior University, USA  
SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 22 pp.  
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DOCUMENT NUMBER: 91184261 PubMed ID: 2009906  
TITLE: Conserved nucleotide sequences at the 5' end of T cell receptor variable genes facilitate polymerase chain reaction amplification.  
AUTHOR: Broeren C P; Verjans G M; Van Eden W; Kusters J G; Lenstra J A; Logtenberg T  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institute of Infectious Diseases and Immunology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of Utrecht, The Netherlands.  
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AB A method of identifying an antigen-responsive T cell within a population of T cells, the method comprising the steps of: (1) obtaining a sample contg. T cells which have responded to the antigen; (2) detg. individually for each of a plurality of specific T cell receptors, or individually for each of a plurality of subsets of T cell receptors, whether expression of a gene encoding a specific T cell receptor, or whether expression of genes encoding a subset of T cell receptors, has increased per specific T cell receptor-pos. T cell or per specific T cell receptor-pos. T cell subset compared to the expression of said gene or genes in a sample contg. T cells which have not responded to the antigen. The method is useful for identifying antigen-responsive T cells which are assocd. with a disease state such as rheumatoid arthritis.

IN Kay, Richard Andrew  
ST TCR antigen T cell rheumatoid arthritis  
IT Genes (animal)  
RL: BSU (Biological study, unclassified); THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL (Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(TCR subsets; detn. of TCR subsets or their gene  
expression for identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with

antigen-responsive T cells)  
IT RT-PCR (reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction)  
(competitive; detn. of TCR subsets or their gene expression  
for identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with  
antigen-responsive T cells)  
IT Allergies  
Autoimmune diseases  
Graft vs. host reaction  
Immunological diseases  
Infection  
PCR (polymerase chain reaction)  
Rheumatoid arthritis  
Sjogren's syndrome  
T cell (lymphocyte)  
Transplant rejection  
Tumors (animal)  
Vaccines  
(detn. of TCR subsets or their gene expression for  
identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with  
antigen-responsive T cells)  
IT CD28 (antigen)  
Staphylococcal enterotoxin B  
Toxic shock syndrome toxin 1  
RL: ADV (Adverse effect, including toxicity); BAC (Biological activity or  
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(detn. of TCR subsets or their gene expression for  
identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with  
antigen-responsive T cells)  
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RL: ADV (Adverse effect, including toxicity); BSU (Biological study,  
unclassified); BIOL (Biological study)  
(detn. of TCR subsets or their gene expression for  
identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with  
antigen-responsive T cells)  
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RL: ADV (Adverse effect, including toxicity); BSU (Biological study,  
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(detn. of TCR subsets or their gene expression for  
identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with  
antigen-responsive T cells)  
IT Antibodies  
mRNA  
RL: BSU (Biological study, unclassified); THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL  
(Biological study); USES (Uses)  
(detn. of TCR subsets or their gene expression for  
identification of and diagnosis of diseases assocd. with  
antigen-responsive T cells)  
IT TCR (T cell receptors)  
RL: BOC (Biological occurrence); BSU (Biological study, unclassified); MFM  
(Metabolic formation); THU (Therapeutic use); BIOL (Biological study);  
FORM (Formation, nonpreparative); OCCU (Occurrence); USES (Uses)  
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L18 ANSWER 1 OF 18 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 1  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000429067 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 20384795 PubMed ID: 10925285  
TITLE: Antigen triggering selectively increases TCRBV gene  
transcription.  
AUTHOR: Lennon G P; Sillibourne J E; Furrle E; Doherty M J;  
Kay R A  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular and Cellular Pathology, University  
of Dundee, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee,  
United Kingdom.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, (2000 Aug 15) 165 (4) 2020-7.  
Journal code: IFB; 2985117R. ISSN: 0022-1767.  
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AB When the TCR binds Ag it is phosphorylated, internalized, and  
degraded. We wished to examine whether this process was accompanied by a  
specific concomitant increase in TCR mRNA levels. To do this,  
PBMC and a T cell clone were cultured with a series of superantigens and  
an alloantigen. Only T cells specifically responding to an antigenic  
stimulus had increased levels of TCR beta-chain variable  
(TCRBV)-specific mRNA. This response was apparent after 48 h, peaked  
around 72 h, and was still elevated after 7 days. Increased gene  
transcription appeared to be driven solely by Ag as specific Ag depletion  
prevented culture supernatants transferring this effect. The level of  
TCRBV mRNA elevation was not influenced by the stimulating Ag, but  
appeared dependent on the gene encoding the stimulated TCR.  
Reporter gene assays, using cloned TCRBV gene promoters, confirmed both  
that TCR gene transcription rises after stimulation and that  
basal and stimulated levels of TCR transcription vary between  
different TCRBV genes. These data conclusively demonstrate that there is  
no direct relationship between TCRBV mRNA and T cell number, and that  
future repertoire studies must take both factors into account.

L18 ANSWER 2 OF 18 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:226584 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:236324  
TITLE: Sequence analysis of DA and Sprague Dawley rat T-cell  
receptor .beta.-chain promoters. [Erratum to document  
cited in CA130:109050]  
AUTHOR(S): Sillibourne, James E.; Kay, Richard A.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Molecular and Cellular Pathology, Ninewells  
Hospital and Medical School, Dundee, DD1 9SY, UK  
SOURCE: Immunogenetics (1999), 49(3), 246  
CODEN: IMNGBK; ISSN: 0093-7711  
PUBLISHER: Springer-Verlag  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
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originally printed; the correct versions are given.

L18 ANSWER 3 OF 18 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:154413 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000154413  
TITLE: The duodecamer motif is critical for both basal and  
stimulated TCRBV promoter function.  
AUTHOR(S): Doherty, M. J. (1); Lennon, G. P. (1); Sillibourne, J. E.  
(1); Furrie, E. (1); Kay, R. A. (1)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dept. Molecular and Cellular Pathology, University of  
Dundee, Dundee, DD1 9SY UK  
SOURCE: Immunology., (Dec., 1999) Vol. 98, No. suppl. 1, pp. 123.  
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Immunology and the British Society for Allergy & Clinical  
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L18 ANSWER 4 OF 18 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:139956 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV200000139956  
TITLE: The TCRBV13 TCR repertoire in anti-52 KDA Ro  
autoantibody-positive Sjogren's syndrome.  
AUTHOR(S): Furrie, E. (1); Doherty, M. J. (1); Kershaw, A.; Crighton,  
A. J.; Morley, K.; Kay, R. A. (1)  
CORPORATE SOURCE: (1) Dept. Molecular and Cellular Pathology, University of  
Dundee, Dundee, DD1 9SY UK  
SOURCE: Immunology., (Dec., 1999) Vol. 98, No. suppl. 1, pp. 33.  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
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SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

L18 ANSWER 5 OF 18 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:795052 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:37286  
TITLE: Immunological method  
INVENTOR(S): Kay, Richard Andrew  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): University of Dundee, UK  
SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 77 pp.  
CODEN: PIXXD2  
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L18 ANSWER 6 OF 18 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2001 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:683257 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 130:109050  
TITLE: Sequence analysis of DA and Sprague Dawley rat T-cell  
receptor .beta.-chain promoters  
AUTHOR(S): Sillibourne, James E.; Kay, Richard A.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Molecular and Cellular Pathology,  
Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Dundee, DD1  
9SY, UK  
SOURCE: Immunogenetics (1998), 48(5), 356-358  
CODEN: IMNGBK; ISSN: 0093-7711  
PUBLISHER: Springer-Verlag  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB The genomic sequences of 4 rat TCR .beta.-chain genes were analyzed in 1 inbred (DA) and 1 outbred (Sprague Dawley) rat strains. The sequences suggest that these promoters are capable of binding a comprehensive range of lineage-specific and non-lineage-specific factors, including putative binding sites for AP-1, AP-2, Sp1, GATA-binding factors, CREB, Ets-1, LEF-1, AML-1, and TCF-1. CAAT and TATA boxes were

also identified in some of the promoters.

REFERENCE COUNT: 6  
REFERENCE(S): (1) Halle, J; Mol Cell Biol 1997, V17, P4220 CAPLUS  
(2) Kay, R; Eur J Immunol 1994, V24, P2863 CAPLUS  
(3) Li, Y; J Exp Med 1991, V174, P1537 CAPLUS  
(5) Rowen, L; Science 1996, V272, P1755 CAPLUS  
(6) Smith, L; J Immunol 1991, V147, P375 CAPLUS  
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L18 ANSWER 7 OF 18 BIOSIS COPYRIGHT 2001 BIOSIS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:125347 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199900125347  
TITLE: Superantigens increase specific TCR gene transcription rates in unseparated human lymphocyte populations.  
AUTHOR(S): Lennon, Greig; Sillibourne, James; Kay, Richard  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Univ. Dep. Molecular Cellular Pathol., Ninewells Hosp. Med. Sch., Dundee DD1 9SY UK  
SOURCE: Immunology, (Dec., 1998) Vol. 95, No. SUPPL. 1, pp. 28. Meeting Info.: 6th Annual Congress of the British Society for Immunology Harrogate, England, UK December 1-4, 1998 ISSN: 0019-2805.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Conference  
LANGUAGE: English

L18 ANSWER 8 OF 18 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 2  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 97414173 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 97414173 PubMed ID: 9269034  
TITLE: Long-term alloreactive T cell lines and clones express a limited T cell receptor repertoire.  
AUTHOR: Tavakol Afshari J; Hutchinson I V; Kay R A  
CORPORATE SOURCE: School of Biological Sciences, University of Manchester, UK.  
SOURCE: TRANSPLANT IMMUNOLOGY, (1997 Jun) 5 (2) 122-8. Journal code: B32; 9309923. ISSN: 0966-3274.  
PUB. COUNTRY: ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
LANGUAGE: English  
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AB Alloreactive T cells recognize either determinants of the intact donor MHC molecules displayed on the surface of transplanted-cells or peptide fragments of donor antigens associated with self-MHC molecules by means of their T cell receptors (TCR). To investigate the relationship between the TCR beta chain structure and allorecognition, we established and characterized four long-term T cell lines and seven T cell clones derived following a mixed lymphocyte reaction (MLR) between fully histoincompatible DA (RT1a) and LEW (RT1(1)) rat lymph node cells. These DA anti-LEW T cells were phenotypically CD4+, CD8-, alpha beta TCR + and produced interferon-gamma but not IL-4, consistent with being Th1 CD4+ T cells. As might be expected, these cells were not significantly cytotoxic and did not display suppressor activity. Analysis of the TCR beta chain gene structure revealed a very restricted repertoire in both long-term lines and clones. The TCRBV6S1 gene was present in 15/21 of the alloreactive T cell mRNA transcripts but only 1/12 of unstimulated DA splenic TCR mRNA transcripts (p = 0.0018). Similarly, the TCRBJ2S1 gene was also used frequently in the alloreactive transcripts (17/21) but in only 2/12 unstimulated splenic transcripts (p = 0.0013). Furthermore, all 15 of the alloreactive TCRBV6S1 transcripts had a distinctive four amino acid N region motif not present in any of the unstimulated TCR transcripts (p = 0.0003). These experiments reveal a distinct homogeneity amongst stable allogeneic T cells in culture. If these results reflect the situation in vivo, the possibility exists that specific immunotherapy may be successful in preventing allograft rejection.

L18 ANSWER 9 OF 18 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 3  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 96132972 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96132972 PubMed ID: 8543797  
TITLE: Reduction of early B lymphocyte precursors in transgenic mice overexpressing the murine heat-stable antigen.  
AUTHOR: Hough M R; Chappel M S; Sauvageau G; Takei F; Kay R ; Humphries R K  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Terry Fox Laboratory, British Columbia Cancer Agency, Vancouver, Canada.  
SOURCE: JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGY, (1996 Jan 15) 156 (2) 479-88. Journal code: IFB; 2985117R. ISSN: 0022-1767.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
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AB To study the role of the murine heat-stable Ag (HSA) in lymphocyte maturation, we generated transgenic mice in which the HSA cDNA was under the transcriptional control of the TCR V beta promoter and Ig mu enhancer. The HSA transgene was expressed during all stages of B lymphocyte maturation. Expression was first detected in the earliest lymphoid-committed progenitors, which normally do not express HSA, and subsequently reached the highest levels in pro- and pre-B cells. In bone marrow, the number of IL-7-responsive clonogenic progenitors was < 4% of normal, whereas the frequency of earlier B lymphocyte-restricted precursors, detectable as Whitlock-Witte culture-initiating cells, was normal. Pro- and pre-B cells detected by flow cytometry were reduced by approximately 50% relative to controls. Mature splenic B cells were also reduced but to a lesser extent than in marrow, and their response to LPS stimulation was impaired. Reconstitution of SCID and BALB/c-nu/nu mice with HSA transgenic marrow indicated that the perturbations in B lymphopoiesis were not caused by a defective marrow microenvironment or by abnormal T cells. Our previous studies showed elevated HSA expression throughout thymocyte development, which resulted in a profound depletion of CD4+CD8+ double-positive and single-positive thymocytes. Together, these results indicate that HSA levels can determine the capacity of early T and B lymphoid progenitors to proliferate and survive. Therefore, HSA could serve as an important regulator during the early stages of B and T lymphopoiesis.

L18 ANSWER 10 OF 18 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 4

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96303221 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96303221 PubMed ID: 8732480  
TITLE: TCR gene polymorphisms and autoimmune disease.  
AUTHOR: Kay R A  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Pathology, Ninewells Hospital & Medical School, Dundee, UK.  
SOURCE: EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF IMMUNOGENETICS, (1996 Apr) 23 (2) 161-77. Ref: 129  
PUB. COUNTRY: Journal code: AZ6; 9106962. ISSN: 0960-7420.  
ENGLAND: United Kingdom  
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AB Autoimmunity may result from abnormal regulation within the immune system. As the T cell is the principal regulator of the immune system and its normal function depends on immune recognition or self/non-self discrimination, abnormalities of the idiotypic T-cell receptor (TCR) may be one cause of autoimmune disease. The TCR is a clonally distributed, cell-surface heterodimer which binds peptide antigen when complexed with HLA molecules. In order to recognize the variety of antigens it may possibly encounter, the TCR, by necessity, is a diverse structure. As with immunoglobulin, it is the variable domain of the TCR which interacts with antigen and exhibits the greatest amount of amino acid variability. The underlying genetic basis for this structural diversity is similar to that described for immunoglobulin, with TCR diversity relying on the somatic recombination, in a randomly imprecise manner, of smaller gene segments to form a functional gene. There are a large number of gene segments to choose from (particularly the TCRAV, TCRAJ and TCRBV gene segments) and some of these also exhibit allelic variation. Finally, polymorphisms in non-coding regions of TCR genes, leading to biased recombination or expression, are also beginning to be recognized. All these factors contribute to the polymorphic nature of the TCR, in terms of both structure and repertoire formation. It follows that inherited abnormalities in either coding or regulatory regions of TCR genes may predispose to aberrant T-cell function and autoimmune disease. This review will outline the genomic organization of the TCR genes, the genetic mechanisms responsible for the generation of diversity, and the results of investigations into the association between germline polymorphisms and autoimmune disease.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:384429 BIOSIS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: PREV199598398729  
TITLE: Limited heterogeneity of TCR V-beta gene utilisation by alloreactive T cells.  
AUTHOR(S): Tavakoli, J.; Hutchinson, I. V.; Kay, R.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Univ. Manchester, Med. Sch., Manchester M13 9PT UK  
SOURCE: 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF IMMUNOLOGY.. (1995) pp. 646. The 9th International Congress of Immunology. Publisher: 9th International Congress of Immunology San Francisco, California, USA.  
Meeting Info.: Meeting Sponsored by the American Association of Immunologists and the International Union of Immunological Societies San Francisco, California, USA July 23-29, 1995  
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L18 ANSWER 12 OF 18 MEDLINE DUPLICATE 5

ACCESSION NUMBER: 96023322 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 96023322 PubMed ID: 7558918  
TITLE: A subset of Sjogren's syndrome associates with the TCRBV13S2 locus but not the TCRBV2S1 locus.  
AUTHOR: Kay R A; Hutchings C J; Ollier W E  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Immunology Research Group, University of Manchester, United Kingdom.  
SOURCE: HUMAN IMMUNOLOGY, (1995 Apr) 42 (4) 328-30. Journal code: G9W; 8010936. ISSN: 0198-8859.  
PUB. COUNTRY: United States  
Journal; Article; (JOURNAL ARTICLE)  
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AB HGPSS associates with the TCRBV6S7 locus within the TCR beta-chain gene complex. However, V beta 6.7 T cells, encoded by this locus, have never been implicated in the salivary gland destruction that characterizes primary Sjogren's syndrome. Both V beta 13 and V beta 2 T cells have been implicated in glandular destruction. We therefore analyzed the association of HGPSS with both TCRBV2S1, the only TCRBV2 locus, and the TCRBV13S2 locus (the TCRBV13 family member which lies closest to TCRBV6S7). Our results show that the prevalence of TCRBV13S2\*2 homozygotes is significantly increased in HGPSS and that there is a high degree of linkage disequilibrium between this locus and TCRBV6S7 not previously described across the TCR beta-chain gene complex. However, HGPSS does not associate with the TCRBV2S1 locus. These results suggest that it is the V beta 13.2 T cell which may be responsible for the autoimmune destruction that characterizes HGPSS and that the previous association of this condition with the TCRBV6S7 locus is primary due to the linkage disequilibrium that exists between it and TCRBV13S2.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1995:204308 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 122:184945  
TITLE: Genetic control of the human V.beta.13.2 T cell repertoire: importance of allelic variation outside the coding regions of the TCRBV13S2 gene  
AUTHOR(S): Kay, Richard A.; Snowden, Neil; Hajeer, Ali  
CORPORATE SOURCE: H.; Boylston, Art W.; Ollier, William E. R. Immunology Research Group, Univ. Manchester, Leeds, UK  
SOURCE: Eur. J. Immunol. (1994), 24(11), 2863-7  
CODEN: EJIMAF; ISSN: 0014-2980

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB In humans, the T cell repertoire is influenced by HLA, T cell receptor null alleles and antigen. Here, the authors describe a novel mechanism, independent of superantigen or T cell receptor structure which influences the T cell repertoire in a V.beta.-dependent manner. The authors have identified a biallelic locus, the TCRBV13S2 T cell receptor gene, where allelic differences predominate in the non-coding regions including transitions, transversions and frameshift deletions. The expressed protein is non-polymorphic at this locus. The TCRBV13S2 genotype profoundly influences the circulating level of V.beta.13.2 CD4 T cells but does not affect T cell receptor expression or function.

L18 ANSWER 14 OF 18 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95135387 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95135387 PubMed ID: 7833889  
TITLE: [Idiotypic T-lymphocyte receptor in animal and human autoimmune diseases].  
Le recepteur idiotypique des lymphocytes T dans les maladies auto-immunes animales et humaines.  
AUTHOR: Kay R A; Ollier W E  
CORPORATE SOURCE: ACR Epidemiology Research Unit, Manchester, Grande Bretagne, UK.  
SOURCE: REVUE DU RHUMATISME. EDITION FRANCAISE, (1994) 61 (7-8) 532-45. Ref: 147  
Journal code: BQU; 9315664.  
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AB Animal models have demonstrated that the T-cell repertoire is restricted when the response to defined autoantigens is studied. Anti-V beta specific monoclonal antibodies or specific V beta-derived peptides can be used to manipulate autoreactive T-cells to either prevent or treat established experimental disease in animals. In some animal models of arthritis, inherited differences in the TCR repertoire can protect against the development of experimental autoimmune disease. Human studies have generally given conflicting results with regard to the role of the TCR complexes as susceptibility loci for disease. This may be due to the heterogeneity present in the human population and/or in the diseases studied. In some diseases, where there is convincing evidence for putative autoantigens (multiple sclerosis) or distinct immunodysfunctional pathology (hypergammaglobulinaemic primary Sjogren's syndrome), restricted TCR repertoires and germline TCR susceptibility loci can be discerned. Recent evidence suggests that autoimmune disease may eventually be mapped to regulatory regions of the TCR V genes rather than the allelic differences in coding region structure. This may have implications for the future therapy of autoimmune rheumatic disease.

L18 ANSWER 15 OF 18 MEDLINE  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 95135386 MEDLINE  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 95135386 PubMed ID: 7833888  
TITLE: [T-lymphocyte receptor genes: genome organization and genetic mechanisms of repertoire diversity].  
Genes du recepteur des lymphocytes T: organisation genomique et mecanismes genetiques de la diversite du repertoire.  
AUTHOR: Kay R A; Ollier W E  
CORPORATE SOURCE: ACR Epidemiology Research Unit, Manchester, UK.  
SOURCE: REVUE DU RHUMATISME. EDITION FRANCAISE, (1994) 61 (7-8) 521-31. Ref: 104  
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AB The T-cell receptor (TCR) is fundamental to the immune process in both health and disease. Reviewed here is the genetic organisation of the gene complexes which encode the TCR polypeptide chains alpha, beta, gamma, and delta. The TCR is by necessity a diverse structure and we consider the genetic mechanisms responsible for this. These include multiple variable gene segment isotypes, somatic recombination of gene segments, imprecisions in the recombination process and allelic variations in gene segments structure and regulation.

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AB T cell antigen specificity is determined by the products of the genes which encode the variable regions of their receptors. Of the T cell receptor (TCR) variable region gene products examined, only V beta 6.7a TCR-positive lymphocytes were reduced in primary Sjogren's syndrome patients with IgG1 hypergammaglobulinaemia compared with an age-, sex- and HLA-matched control population. The levels of V beta 6.7a T cells were also significantly reduced when these patients were compared with an age- and sex-matched but HLA-unmatched control group and non-tissue typed normal people of both sexes. Since published studies show no such abnormality in rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus or other autoimmune diseases, this abnormality may reflect a pathogenic process specific to primary Sjogren's syndrome.

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